

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
North Coast Region

Order No. 98-15

Recision of Order No. 94-16  
Requiring the Louisiana-Pacific Corporation, Samoa Pulpmill  
(Louisiana Pacific Samoa, Inc.)  
to Cease and Desist from Discharging or Threatening to Discharge  
Wastes in Violation of Requirements Contained in  
Waste Discharge Requirement Order No. 94-15,  
NPDES Permit No. CA0005894  
I.D. No. 1B77005OHUM

Humboldt County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (hereinafter Regional Water Board), finds that:

1. The Louisiana-Pacific Corporation by letter dated October 15, 1997 notified the Regional Water Board that the Samoa Pulpmill ownership had been transferred to Louisiana-Pacific Samoa, Inc. a new wholly-owned subsidiary of Louisiana-Pacific Corporation effective November 17, 1997.
2. Louisiana-Pacific Samoa, Inc. owns and operates the Samoa Pulpmill at 1 LP Drive, P.O. Box 158, Samoa, California, 95564 on the North Spit of Humboldt Bay.
3. On February 24, 1994 the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. 94-16 requiring Louisiana-Pacific Corporation, Samoa Pulpmill to cease and desist from discharging or threatening to discharge wastes in violation of requirements contained in Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. 94-15, NPDES Permit No. CA0005894. The Cease and Desist Order required the completion of three tasks with time schedules as follows:
  - “A. Compliance with the effluent limits contained in Order No. 94-15, with the exception of BOD<sub>5</sub> and pH, shall commence upon completion of the extended outfall, but no later than September 30, 1994. In the interim period the Effluent Limits and Receiving Water Limits contained in Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. 90-112 shall be met.

B. Compliance with BOD<sub>5</sub> and pH shall occur according to the following schedule:

Until August 31, 1995 L-P shall comply with the following limitations for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD<sub>5</sub>) and pH:

<u>Daily BOD<sub>5</sub></u>	<u>Monthly Average BOD<sub>5</sub></u>	<u>pH</u>
93,090	48,730	between 2.4 and 11

From September 1, 1995 to August 31, 1996, L-P shall comply with the following limitations for BOD<sub>5</sub> and pH:

<u>Daily BOD<sub>5</sub></u>	<u>Monthly Average BOD<sub>5</sub></u>	<u>pH</u>
57,360	30,000	between 5.0 and 11

From September 1, 1996 to August 31, 1997, L-P shall comply with the following limitations for BOD<sub>5</sub> and pH:

<u>Daily BOD<sub>5</sub></u>	<u>Monthly Average BOD<sub>5</sub></u>	<u>pH</u>
39,495	20,635	between 5.0 and 10

On or before September 1, 1997 L-P shall comply with the BOD<sub>5</sub> and pH limits contained in Order No. 94-15.”

4. Louisiana-Pacific Samoa, Inc. has fully complied with the requirements, of Cease and Desist Order No. 94-16 and now complies with the nationally applicable effluent limits which are contained in Order No. 94-15.
5. Regional Water Board actions to rescind Cease and Desist Orders are exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq.) in accordance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15061 (b)(3).
6. The Regional Water Board notified the public and interested agencies of its intent to rescind Order No. 94-16 and has provided an opportunity for comment.
7. The Regional Water Board in a public hearing, heard and considered all comments pertaining to this matter.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Cease and Desist Order No. 94-16 for

Louisiana-Pacific Samoa, Inc. (formerly Louisiana-Pacific Corporation) is be rescinded.

Certification

I, Lee A. Michlin, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, on February 26, 1998.

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Lee A. Michlin  
Executive Officer